

Application No.: 10/549,981
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REMARKS

Claim 3 has been amended by incorporating the Claim 1 and 2. Claim 6 has been amended by incorporating Claim 5. Claim 12 has been amended by incorporating Claim 1. Claim 13 has been amended by incorporating Claim 2. And Claims 3, 6, 12 and 13 have been re-written in independent form. Claims 1, 2 and 5 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 6 and 7-8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 3 and 6 have been re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims, as the Examiner suggested. Claim 7-8 are dependent to Claim 6. And further, Claims 12 and 13, which are dependent to Claim 1 and 2 respectively, also have been re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been rejected under U.S.C. 102 (b or e) as being clearly anticipated by Beckhart (US 6,568,098). Claims 1, 2, and 5 have been canceled. Claim 3 has not been rejected on this ground and Claim 4 is dependent to Claim 3. Thus, Claim 4 could not be rejected on this ground. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In the light if the applicant's amendments to the claims and the flowing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns, which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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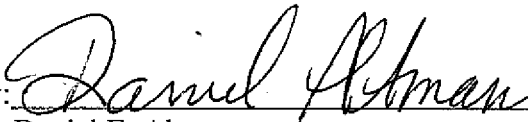
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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